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For nearly four years, the public's voice and interests have been instrumental in the debate over the freedom to innovate. Tens of thousands of concerned citizens have communicated to their public officials about whether the Microsoft case should be settled or further litigated. Despite the aggressive lobbying efforts of a few of Microsoft's competitors, the federal government and nine states finally reached an agreement with Microsoft to address the reduced liability found in the Court of Appeals ruling.

My opinion is that this agreement is comprehensive and tough, but reasonable and fair to all parties involved. As a consumer, I overwhelmingly agree that settlement is good for the consumers, the industry and the American economy.

Unfortunately, a few special interests are attempting to derail the settlement and prolong this litigation even in the midst of uncertain economic times. The last thing the American economy needs is more litigation that benefits only a few wealthy competitors and stifles innovation. I will not let these special interests defeat the public interest.

Sincerely

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